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Application No. 09/765,675

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 31, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

We are unable to locate complete translations for the references of JP410338899A, EP 0780114 A1 and EP 0842652 A1 mentioned on page 3 of Paper No. 16.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to provide a complete copy of the translations for JP410338899A, EP 0780114 A1 and EP 0842652 A1, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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